

Government of Japan will host an international conference on Sustainable Contribution of Fisheries to Food Security in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization [FAO] of the United Nations. This Conference will provide an excellent opportunity for international awareness and understanding of the varied economic, social, and cultural diversity of the utilization of marine resources throughout the world. Delegates representing government and nongovernmental organizations will discuss options and strategies to ensure the sustainable contribution of fisheries to the world's food security in the future.

While the present food fish production throughout the world is approximately 72 million tons, it is projected that the demand for food fish will reach 105 million tons in the year 2010, when the world population reaches 7 billion. Clearly, nations must initiate measures to achieve a sustainable increase in fish production through cooperation on rational utilization measures and implementation of sound conservation programs. It is clear that those of us living at the end of the 20th century have the responsibility to provide a stable food supply system and maintain those reasonable resources for present and future generations. Living aquatic resources are renewable and can provide increased food for human consumption through responsible management and appropriate harvest and handling practices. Such a goal can be achieved if utilization of these resources is based on objective scientific and socio-economic data and principles that recognize and respect the importance of culture and traditions, guarantee the integrity of ecosystems that support living aquatic food resources, and encompass sound management measures through national, and where appropriate, multinational management programs.

I commend the Government of Japan for taking the initiative in hosting this important Conference and I wish the delegates to the Conference much success in their deliberations. As chairman of the Resources Committee of the House of Representatives, I look forward to reviewing their observations, conclusions, and recommendations.

SUPPORTS CATS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Community Action Teams Program [CATS], and other summer youth programs that provide children with healthy alternatives to engaging in gang activity and criminal behavior. Last summer, I had the opportunity to visit with children who participated in this unique summer youth program which emphasizes helping others and teaches the value of hard work. I learned firsthand of the positive difference the CATS programs and other similar programs are having nationwide on our children and in the community. The CATS program is primarily sponsored by the Yamhill County Sheriff's Department in partnership with local schools and the community. This strong partnership between law enforcement and the community enables traditionally poor

and underserved areas such as Yamhill County, to pool together their resources to provide a service to children and families.

Yamhill County is rural area in my home district of Oregon with limited resources. Through its creative partnership, Yamhill County has been able to offer this quality program which benefits the community. I applaud Yamhill County's efforts to collaborate and deter our children from criminal activity and I urge other Members to recognize the importance and value of summer youth programs and crime prevention.

LIBERTYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PROTEST AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN NIGERIA

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I always have said that I am honored to represent one of the most educated, enlightened, caring districts in our country. Today, the meritorious actions by some of the younger members in my district have proven my point, making me proud once again. I want to commend the Libertyville High School students in my district, who last week waged a protest outside a local Shell gasoline station in response to the barbarous executions of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni leaders by the Nigerian military regime. Under the banner of Amnesty International, these students hope to put pressure on Shell, whose Nigerian branch alone accounts for half the government's income, to use their financial power to influence positive change in Nigeria.

In a time when we question our ability to influence global change, I praise these high school students not only for their global awareness, but also for their compassion and drive that has compelled them to rise from the classroom and take their cause to a forum where their demands cannot be ignored. Refusing to be silent, these half-dozen students have no inhibitions about sending a loud message to an oil giant that it has a moral and ethical responsibility to use its power to help influence the Nigerian Government to stop committing these atrocious human rights violations.

I fully support these students who have reiterated my own outrage at the Nigerian regime. As cochairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, I have sent numerous letters to the Nigerian Government demanding reform. Additionally, I held hearings in response to the latest tragic executions. Today, Representative DON PAYNE of New Jersey and I and a number of other original cosponsors will introduce a bill calling for sanctions against Nigeria. We must all continue putting pressure on the Nigerian Government any way we can, until democracy and the rule of law is restored to Nigeria. I am pleased to work with the Libertyville High School students to this end.

PUERTO RICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of November 1995, as Puerto Rican Heritage Month. The achievements and contributions of Puerto Rican-Americans should be acknowledged by us all.

I especially would like to discuss an organization from my home State, *Comite Noviembre de New Jersey*. Founded in 1987, *Comite* has clearly promoted a holistic understanding of Puerto Rican culture in New Jersey and all over the United States. By highlighting social, economic, cultural, and political accomplishments, *Comite* has etched the history of the Puerto Rican people in the minds of all Americans. Widespread education has served a dual role: the *Comite* has strengthened a sense of cultural pride among young Puerto Ricans and has simultaneously generated respect for the Puerto Rican culture amongst non-Puerto Rican Americans.

Puerto Rican Heritage Month serves to further our understanding and appreciation of Puerto Rican leaders of the past and the present. It also unifies Puerto Rican Americans by instilling a sense of pride in where they have been, and where they are going as a people. As head of the *Comite Noviembre*, Jose Angel Villalonga has recognized November 30, 1995, as a day to pay tribute to Puerto Rican leaders of the State of New Jersey and the youth of the State. This day is dedicated to local Puerto Ricans in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the community and the family unit. They are not only models for this generation but also for generations to come, and of most importance, they are inspirations to us all.

Comite is committed to supporting people and inspiring and educating future generations. By the year 2000, the *Comite Noviembre de New Jersey* hopes that all Americans will realize and appreciate the richness of culture and heritage found within the Puerto Rican community.

I would like to offer my most sincere admiration and praise to the Puerto Rican-Americans of my congressional district and across the Nation as we celebrate Puerto Rican Heritage Month. This is a time of celebration to be enjoyed by all.

TRIBUTE TO A SAN DIEGO EMPLOYER WORKING FOR TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a local employer in San Diego which has made a special commitment to advancing the use and availability of high technology in education. That employer is Sony Electronics, Inc., which has a major plant in Rancho Bernardo, in my congressional district.

Technology in education is one of my great interests and top priorities. For several years,